

3. **REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 14, and 16-20 were rejected. Those claims have been canceled without prejudice to being presented in a continuing application. Claims 3, 4, 6, 12, 13 and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Those claims have been rewritten in independent form.

SUMMARY

In light of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail, as below.

Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$600.00 for additional claims and believe no additional fees are due. However, should the Commissioner deem any additional fees are due, including any fees for additional extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and further authorize the Commissioner to debit any additional fees due, or to credit any overpayments, to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account Number 02-0383, Order Number 016295.0763.

Fee for Additional Claims

As a result of the amendments herein, additional independent claims are added to this application. The fee for these claims is calculated below:

Fee Calculation					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee
Independent Claims:	6	- 3 =	3	x \$200 =	\$ 600.00
Total Additional Claims Fee =					\$ 600.00

Respectfully submitted,

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